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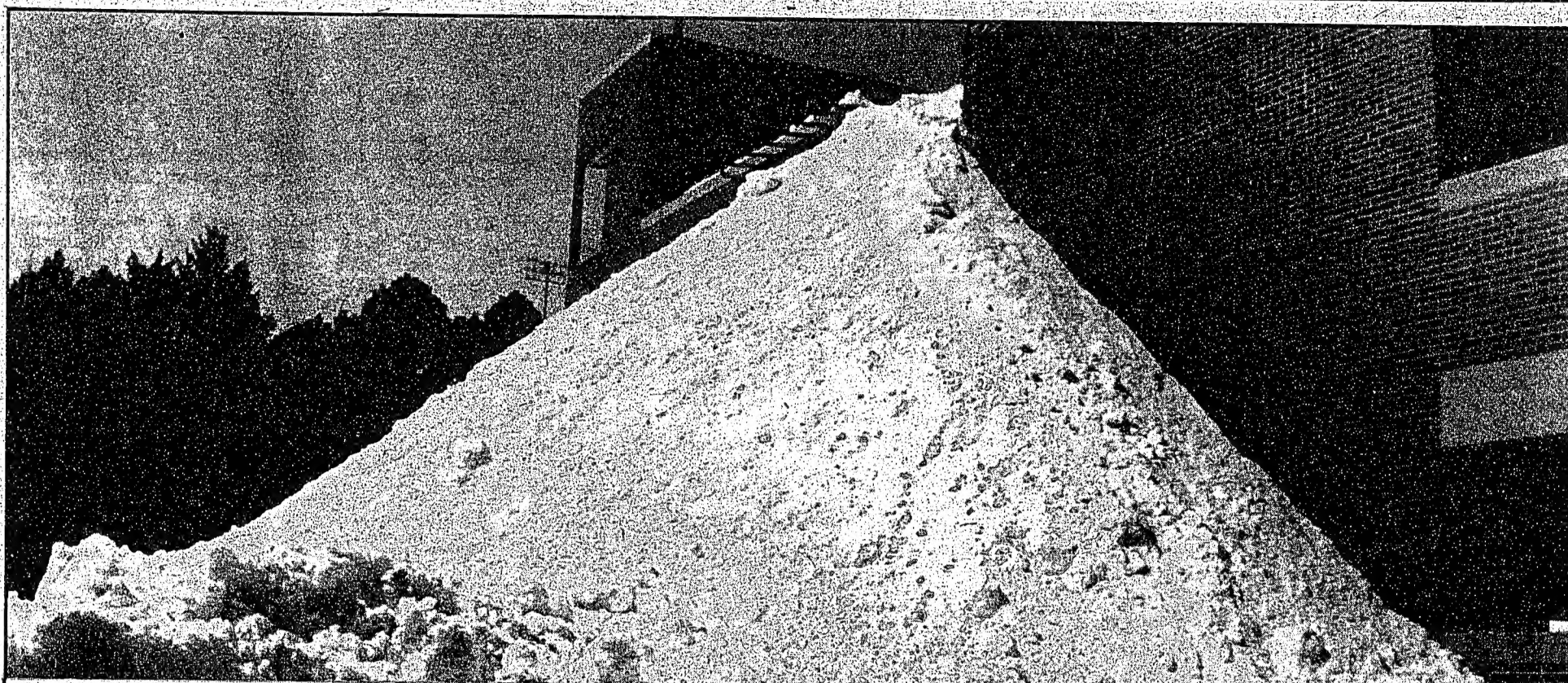


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Eighth wonder of the world?

This "pyramid" appeared on the south side of the parking garage following Saturday's blizzard. The mound brings new campus activities to mind, as students could "ski UNO."

12-Step group offers alternative to gambling 'disease'

Editor's note: In order to protect the privacy of the individuals interviewed for this story, they are identified by pseudonyms only.

By NANCY CORMACI
Staff Reporter

"Winning or losing has nothing to do with it — it's the action of gambling we're after," Paul said.

Paul, an Omaha businessman and a recovering compulsive gambler, and his wife joined an anonymous self-help group for the compulsive gambler, Gamblers' 12-Step, in November 1983. "Our main purpose is to help the compulsive gambler who still suffers," Paul said.

After 13 years of attending other compulsive gambling groups, Paul entered an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program which he says substituted the words "compulsive gambler" for "alcoholic."

"This program not only helped me stop gambling, but it also allowed me to adopt a whole new way of life," Paul said.

Gamblers' 12-Step obtained permission from the World Service Agencies of AA to base their program solely on its philosophy, but there is no affiliation between the two groups, Paul said.

The gamblers' group holds three weekly meetings in the Omaha area. Every Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the 12-Step house at 7306 Grant St., and every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Methodist Midtown, 38th and Cumings.

Families of compulsive gamblers are also

welcome to attend "Family 12-Step" on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Through shared experiences, the group works on solving their common problems — to stay clean from all gambling and to help others stop gambling, Paul said.

Among the members of Gamblers' 12-Step are two full-time UNO students, Mary and Joe.

"I pretty well gambled all my life — 15 to 20 years," said Mary, whose addiction started with family penny-ante poker games and playing bingo with her mother.

"It got so bad that I dropped \$700 in bad checks in one day at a Kwik Shop buying pickles," Mary said. "I'd win \$10, and I had to get more. I wasn't satisfied. I knew the winners

were in there."

"Gambling was an escape for me," Joe said, "because when I was doing that, I didn't have to think about anything else. It was like speed — it was just a tremendous rush."

"Seventy percent of compulsive gamblers are dual addicted," Paul said. "Many have three or four addictions." Joe is also addicted to alcohol and marijuana. He started drinking at age 13 and nine years later in 1981 he was "thrown into AA" by his parents.

Joe said he has been a compulsive gambler for about four years and can tie his drinking and gambling together, because he would often gamble and drink for days until he lost all his money.

"It dawned on me I had a gambling problem because alcohol and marijuana were such a driving force in my life," Joe said. "I was taking the money that I had — a lot of the money that I had — and I was gambling with it."

"It dawned on me after I lost all this money — that was the first time I ever used money that I had for alcohol and drugs for anything else," Joe said.

In January 1984, Joe's family admitted him to Methodist Midtown for alcoholism. He was released in February and lived in a half-way house until June 1984. After leaving the half-way house, Joe continued to drink and gamble.

"When I went back out drinking again, it was

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Photo by Akitoshi Kizaki

Mary: "The compulsion controls you; you don't control the compulsion."

Information on AIDS to become available at UNO

By JOSEPH HALL
Contributing Writer

The bulletin board and brochure bin in the Health Services office provide UNO students with information on sexually transmitted diseases.

Absent, however, is any information on what the U.S. Centers for Disease Control say will kill 170,000 Americans by the year 1992.

"You won't find anything about AIDS on that board," said Ruth Hanon, UNO Health Services nurse. "I ordered copies of two brochures on AIDS — one is called 'Safe Sex,' the other 'Everything You Need to Know About AIDS' — but they won't arrive for another month."

"During the interview process, no one asked me what experience I had treating AIDS victims," Hanon said. "If I had been asked, I would have said I've never knowingly treated someone suffering from AIDS. And if I were in a position to be the first to tell someone they have AIDS, I don't know what I'd say. I'd have to wait until I found myself in that situation," she said.

Barbara Hewins-Maroney, who headed the nurse selection panel, said Hanon was not asked about AIDS because it is not an important issue on a commuter campus like UNO.

"UNO students are older," Hewins-Maroney said, "the average age is around 27 years, and commuter students are not as likely as dormitory students to contact sexually transmitted diseases."

Ann Lamb, a University of Nebraska Medical Center social worker, disagreed. "UNO students are just as likely to be sexually active as students living on a residential campus and just as likely to be at risk to contact the AIDS virus."

"But, I don't find it surprising that the UNO nurse was hired without ever having been asked about AIDS. Colleges are just beginning to develop AIDS education policies, and AIDS is still rare in Omaha," Lamb said.

"The Medical Center's Viral Syndrome Clinic has been open two years and has treated fewer than 30 AIDS victims," Lamb said.

Don Carlson, UNO student senator, said Student Government recognized the need for AIDS education on campus when it

So far, Carlson said, the seven member subcommittee of six students and nurse Hanon has met twice.

"We don't have a budget," Carlson said, "and none of the subcommittee members have extensive knowledge on AIDS, but some have been personally affected by the epidemic."

"I knew UNO Professor John Ziegler who died last year from AIDS, and another subcommittee member said he has a friend in Florida dying from AIDS," Carlson said.

Carlson said the subcommittee is seeking noncontroversial ways to promote campus awareness of the epidemic.

"We haven't asked the UNO Gay and Lesbian Organization to participate," Carlson said, "because we don't want to add fuel to the argument that AIDS is primarily a homosexual disease. We don't want to scare anybody away. Heterosexuals need to learn how to protect themselves from AIDS too," he said.

Carlson said the subcommittee has no plans to distribute condoms on campus, as a UNL group did on that campus.

"Instead we plan to sponsor a noontime debate on how to

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Comment

Raise taxes to support NU

You can see the ribs on the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Not from lack of food, but rather, from lack of funds.

Although it looks like UNO won't lose any programs this time around, the future looks pretty grim. This year, UNO could lose \$300,000 from its athletic budget and \$167,000 that would have been used for the College of Continuing Studies. The actual cuts still have to be approved by the Nebraska Board of Regents at their April meeting.

The Med Center and UNL are in the same boat as UNO, but they could end up losing some programs and colleges. At UNL, \$1,635,000 has been targeted for possible elimination. That figure includes the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Neb.

The Med Center could lose \$973,000, which would include the College of Nursing (Lincoln division), the Community Dentistry Program and the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute.

UNO has already announced it will attempt to make up some of the lost athletic funding through the sale of pickle cards. Fat chance.

The effort would raise some money, but it could not replace all of the money lost.

A better and more practical idea is a tax or tuition increase. I believe that Nebraskans

should be more supportive of their state's higher education institutions. Although Nebraskans are financially hard-pressed now, the state will eventually turn itself around.

And when the state does do its flip, one of the reasons will be higher education. The University of Nebraska will play a large role in the future of the state.

The University of Nebraska is important to the state because it not only educates our future leaders, but because important knowledge is gained through research projects conducted by the university.

If the people of Nebraska do not realize the value of their university, then the students must bear the burden for the sake of the state. Students should consider how important the University of Nebraska is to them and how the budget cuts are affecting the institution.

Budget cuts will continue to drain the NU system of its three most precious resources: quality programs and quality students and quality faculty.

Budget cuts force the elimination of programs and often send the students and faculty packing for other institutions.

I would pay more for a quality education — would you?

MARK ELLIOTT/Editor



'Organized religion hinders personal soul searching'

Religion. It's all Greek to me.

Most of us believe that there is probably at least some spiritual or metaphysical underpinning to life. However, the relationship between one's personal belief and organized religion is of a very capricious nature.

First there are the television evangelists we've been hearing so much about lately. The fallacy of their work to elicit money by providing religious entertainment (selling the story of God) and the soap opera-like attention they've been getting lately serve to reveal these people for the charlatans that they are. Certainly they give money to charitable organizations, but if these people were really intent on doing what they claim to be God's work, they would be hitting the pavement and not the airwaves.

These "messengers of God" base their success and effectiveness on the amount of money their organizations receive, yet they provide no supervision for the spiritual progress of the individual member. For example: say a member of PTL sends in several thousand dollars over the course of his life. What is done to ensure that the member's spiritual needs and potential have been fulfilled? Or even addressed?

Just as it would be redundant to say that a poem has words or that water is wet, it is also superfluous to say that people like Jim Bakker and Oral Roberts give television evangelists a bad name. To suggest that a person can stand before a television camera and provide superficial guidance at best is an absurd

William
Head



concept.

Most recently, Roberts has said that he still needs more money in spite of already reaching his \$8 million goal. God must have said to him (this time around), "I said eighty million, not eight!"

But something that bothers me even more is the Papacy of the Roman Catholic Church. Certainly this office represents the pinnacle of what organized religion is all about.

It is important to remember that the history of rulers of the Catholic church is one filled with corruption and immorality. It was from the Papal seat in 1095 that the call went out for a holy war to expel the Moslem "infidels" from Jerusalem. This launched the bloody Crusades that lasted for nearly 200 years.

There was also the Spanish Inquisition beginning in the late 15th century, in which non-Catholics (Jews and Moslems) were given the dubious choice of expulsion, conversion, or death. Sometimes there wasn't even a choice.

And there was the selling of indulgences. For the right dollar amount, one could be absolved from sin.

Boy! Just think what they could have done in those days with television cameras.

Finally, it wasn't until Vatican II in 1962 that the Catholic church officially recognized the legitimacy of other religions. Thus, it is plain to observe that the Holy See has had its share of inconsistencies.

It is a pitiful thought to realize that more people have died, and continue to die, in the name of religion than for any other reason. And, like religion, nationalism is nothing more than the attempt to manipulate people by reinforcing in them a common denominator. You know: dying for our country and convincing ourselves that our nation is the greatest one on earth. Doesn't every country feel that way? Is it worth sacrificing your life for?

A few weeks ago, the Vatican Council issued a report on procreation, infertility, and surrogate motherhood. The crux of the church's position is that while marriage gives you the right to have sex, it does not give you the right to bear children. The philosophy behind this is that if God has made you infertile, then you must accept being forever childless.

However, if God has given you the mind and courage to find other ways of having a child, should this be ignored? Can it be ignored? If God has given us a mind capable of finding new ways of introducing life, would we not be denying God's will? With the church so adamantly against abortion, one might think that it would welcome with open arms any attempt to explore new

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Review

'Blind Date' lacks 'identifiable redeeming features'

By ELIZABETH TAPE
Staff Reviewer

It's a bad sign when the highlight of viewing a film is being paged out of the theater for an urgent message. That was the reaction of my neighbor at Blake Edwards' new film "Blind Date." The remainder of the audience sat through the remaining 1½ hours of wasted time.

"Blind Date" is one of the most asinine films I have ever seen. With the exception of Kim Basinger's beautiful presence, it lacks identifiable redeeming features.

The minimal narrative exists only to provide a weak thread linking endless pratfalls. Walter Davis (Bruce Willis), a harried financial management executive, is on short notice in dire need of a woman to accompany him to an important work-related social function. In desperation, he reluctantly accepts the suggestion of his untrustworthy brother (a used car salesman) and meets with Nadia Gates (Basinger) who stuns him with her striking looks.

Puzzled by her availability, Walter seeks her faults, but finds instead that he very much enjoys her company. Disaster, however, waits just around the corner in a bottle of champagne.

Violating his brother's advice that Nadia cannot tolerate alcohol, Walter encourages her to have a glass, hoping to reap the benefits of her "loss of control" consequent to alcohol consumption. However, Walter does not foresee the extent of her anomalous reaction to the drink and its disastrous consequences, including a catastrophic visit to a pretentious French restaurant, a gallery opening of some rather unconventional art, several freeway adventures

and a calamitous visit to a party of sophisticates.

The plot, such as it is, remains predictable throughout, never generating any interest. One can see the climax coming long before it unfolds. The final scene is entirely superfluous, as are two prolonged instances in which we watch, for no apparent reason, musicians at work.

A ceaseless series of pratfalls constitutes the most annoying facet of this film. I noted at least 24 instances of someone stumbling, falling off

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a ledge, falling into a pool, or cars crashing into store windows, weaving on the freeways or bumping into one another. The vast majority of these were insipid and tiresome. In some instances, the same precise accident was repeated.

Neither Davis nor Gates are given any personality to speak of. No hint is offered as to possible reasons behind their mutual attraction except, of course, for their appearances. We don't even learn what Gates' occupation is.

Beyond the two protagonists, the film is populated with oddball supporting players, most prominently David (John Larroquette), Gates' former boyfriend, who maintains a pathological degree of jealousy towards her new beau and

hounds him mercilessly throughout the film. He provides a major portion of the flimsy plot structure. His inclusion in the film follows the pattern of the entire narrative: efforts at mindless humor and physical comedy. David's interactions with his father (William Daniels, Dr. Mark Craig on television's "Saint Elsewhere") clearly intended to generate amusement, but only produced insanity. Daniels' portrayal appears alarmingly similar to that of Dr. Craig.

The comedy diminishes in wit and increases in pratfalls through the film's course. In a few clever moments early in the film at a social function, Gates, uninhibited in her drunken spree, interacts first with a pompous waiter and then with the seemingly demure wife of the Japanese guest of honor. Based in character observation, these instances do create humor; we enjoy seeing this unbearably self-important waiter made fun of, and we enjoy realizing that this seemingly reticent Japanese woman is far more aware of American customs than she lets on. But beyond these instances and a few others, little intelligent humor transpires.

I enjoy comedy, but I need a modicum of wit associated with it. Comedy is most effective when it grows out of character portraits, observations of human nature, or on-going plot development, as in the recent film "Tin Men" or Woody Allen's work. Watching people fall off of trellises and cars careening into paint stores — and on and on and on — loses its humor rapidly, if indeed it offered any at all.

The undistinguished acting contributed nothing to the otherwise dull goings-on. Basinger has certainly demonstrated excellent skills in "Fool For Love" and other films, but here she is given no material with which to work. Willis entertains as Davis, a character not far afield from David Addison, whom he plays on the television series "Moonlighting." He concocts a multitude of droll gesticulations and facial

expressions, but he too is given little acting material.

Blake Edwards seems to have built much of his career on pratfalls — as creator of most of the "Pink Panther" films, his stock and trade became having Inspector Clouseau and compatriots fall all over themselves. I didn't find those tumbles engaging then, and I certainly don't find them so now. Also, I would suggest that his failure to offer much new material this time around reveals a lack of originality. What

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I find quite disappointing is that this film was scripted by Dale Launer, the author of "Ruthless People," one of the most clever recent films. There, the humor is all founded in wonderful character portrait. That film abounds in humor, all of which grows out of some substances. Here, in contrast, a butler exposing himself to a Doberman pinscher to mobilize it into its kennel, and gavels and shoe-heels breaking off and hitting court reporters on the head is simply not funny.

Elements of screwball comedy, such as a bad marriage prevented at the last minute, as in "It Happened One Night," are dispersed throughout. The concept of a ruinous evening on the town reminds one of Martin Scorsese's "After Hours," a much more interesting film. There's nothing wrong with a film borrowing from others, but in this case, each of the above-mentioned films far outshines this one, which had little to offer. It could be easily summed up as "the Pink Panther Goes Moonlighting."

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Kim Basinger, Bruce Willis and John Larroquette star in "Blind Date."

This Week

Friday 3rd

- Student Programming Organization (SPO) movie, "The Stories," Eppley Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow; 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday.
- Foreign Language Week events, UNO's Sister University, Braunschweig, FRG Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 305, noon.
- "Exercise and Cardiovascular Fitness" presentation, Dr. Tom Thomas, 1:30 p.m., HPER, Room 102.
- "Pseudo Fractal Techniques in Computer Graphics" presentation, Matt Payne, Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 308.
- "First Fridays," W.H. Thompson Alumni House, 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday 4th

- Upper Missouri River Canoe Trip, HPER Outdoor Ventuer Center.
- Golden Key Regional Conference, Alumni House, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 5th

- "Theology in Cinema" movie, "Return of

the Jedi," 6:30 p.m., University Religious Center.

- Vocalist Harriet McCleary in concert, 8 p.m., Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Monday 6th

- Business Day, Student Center Ballroom, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- SDX speaker, Michael Kelly, World-Herald sports editor, 7:30 p.m., Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 388.

Tuesday 7th

- SPO cultural events, Boys' Choir of Harlem, Strauss Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m., free.

Wednesday 8th

- SPO Casino Night, Student Center, Nebraska Room, 7 p.m.
- Christian Literature Table, Student Center, Nebraska Room, 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Thursday 9th

- Basic Rock Climbing Seminar, HPER Outdoor Ventuer Center.

'Up' members act as 'ambassadors of good will'

By BETTY DYHRBERG
Senior Reporter

Representatives from the international song and dance group "Up with People" will be on the UNO campus today to recruit members and answer questions. They will be in the Milo Ball Student Center from 12 to 4 p.m.

"We're looking for students age 18 to 25 who are high school graduates, single, healthy, flexible and willing to travel for one year," said cast member Danette Gross.

After students are recruited, Gross said, they go through a staging period where they learn about the "Up with People" show and the song and dance routine. "Then when the year of touring is up, they go back to whatever they were doing before they joined the group," Gross said. "It's like taking a year out of your life to become an ambassador of good will."

"Up with People" was started in the mid-1960s by Blanton Belk, an educator and prior Navy man who wasn't happy with the negative way youth were perceived in our society, said staff member Cindy Sizemore. "He wanted to find a way for youth to express themselves in a more positive way," she said.

As a result of his efforts, "Up with People" was born in 1968 as a non-profit, non-political, international organization. A handful of American students made up the cast.

Today "Up with People" includes five different casts, each with 120 members, who travel and perform throughout the United States and Europe. Seventeen countries and 38 states are represented in the group that is performing in Omaha. Three cast members, Jean Lafon, Dennis Hobson and Lori Mosley, are

from Omaha, Ralston and Bellevue.

Another aspect of "Up with People" is its educational opportunities. "We learn to do promotions, marketing, logistics and how to set up a show," said Gross. "Some of us also travel ahead of the cast to make arrangements for the group."

"We find host families for the cast members to live with while they are in town. We arrange for meals and recruit students to be in the group. And we set up tours to points of interest around town," Gross said.

The "Up with People" cast will be in Omaha from March 31 to April 5. While here, they will visit Boystown, a Lincoln high school and the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base.

"We're looking for students age 18 to 25 who are high school graduates, single, healthy, flexible and willing to travel for one year."

—Danette Gross

"They are opening five new homes for girls at Boystown," Gross said, "and we will be doing a little show for them."

On April 4, "Up with People" will perform for the public at the Orpheum Theater at 8 p.m. The group is sponsored by the Tri City Buick dealers and the Omaha World-Herald. Tickets are \$10.50 and \$8.50 with \$2 for students and senior citizens. The World-Herald is also offering a \$1.50 off coupon.

The "Up with People" cast that is visiting Omaha has been traveling since July of 1986. They began their tour in Tucson, Ariz., worked their way up to New York and over to Europe. They are now making their way back across the States.

After leaving Omaha, the group will head for Dallas, Texas. "We will be performing for the World Cup Tennis Championships," Gross said. "There will be 100 of us dancing on the tennis courts."

The year-long tour will end in Alabama at the Helen Keller Festival on June 28.

Answers to Wednesday's Puzzle

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Runnin' Rebs

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"If we play defense like we have been and our outside shots are falling," one caller said, "there's no way anybody can beat us."

"Bring on the Celtics," another caller said.

I never thought I would root for Bobby Knight's Indiana team, but after hearing that, I had to like the Hoosiers. After that game, something inside me said it served UNLV fans right that the Rebels lost, after all the boasting and stuff like that.

Then I thought about it again. In Bloomington, Syracuse and Providence, fans were doing the same thing as they were

in Las Vegas. After all, making the Final Four is quite an accomplishment.

Maybe it's the mystique of Las Vegas. It seems everybody makes wisecracks about going to school there. It's like Hollywood High (remember the movie?).

Whatever the case, I have learned one thing from Las Vegas. No matter where you are, people are usually going to root for their home team — be it in Lincoln, Neb., or in Las Vegas, Nev.

And even if it is a little hard to take, you must remember what it's like in Nebraska towns on a Football Saturday. I wasn't in Las Vegas on the Saturday UNLV played Indiana, but I would venture to guess that the traffic on The Strip was no less than on any other day. I'm not sure I could say the same about Dodge Street on a New Year's Day when the Huskers are in a bowl game.

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Gamblers fight compulsion through self-help group

Gambling

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a lot worse for me because I finally knew that there is another way. Before, I didn't know there was any other solution but to gamble or drink," he said.

In November 1984, Joe attended his first Gamblers' 12-Step meeting. He quit gambling and drinking in 1985 and has been clean for two years.

"If you are a compulsive gambler, the day will come when gambling will set you down. That day will come. I firmly believe that," Joe said.

Mary joined Gamblers' 12-Step 15 months ago, after she had tried other self-help programs that didn't work for her.

She has gambled only once since attending 12-Step. One week after she started the program, she bought a \$1.50 raffle-ticket from her church.

"When I first got in the group, I didn't realize that gambling meant everything — even buying chances on things," she said. "There are so many addictions to gambling — it's around you

consistently."

Mary said she first realized she was a compulsive gambler after a friend of hers committed suicide. "I didn't see the signs (of her friend's depression) because I was in the same boat he was with gambling, and I had the same problem he had."

"At one point in our lives, we found out that gambling helped us cope," Joe said, "and then the day came when it turned against us, and we didn't know how to cope with or without the addiction."

"When I first went to Gamblers' 12-Step," he said, "I went with a friend who was a gambler, because he said as an alcoholic I was welcome."

At first, Joe didn't consider his gambling a problem and continued to gamble while attending the group's meetings.

"You don't have to get to some kind of bottom where you are totally gone, but you do have to get to a point where you at least say to yourself, 'I might want to quit,'" he said.

"In 1981 I knew I was an alcoholic, but I didn't quit drinking until 1985 because I didn't

want to face the alternative of living without it. It wasn't until the alternative of living with alcohol was much worse than anything that could ever happen to me.

"If somehow we can let people know there is an alternative — that some of the things they're going through, they're not alone in. And that it's a disease; an illness like alcoholism or cancer. Then there is hope..." Joe said.

The biggest problem is what gambling does to the family and friends of the compulsive gambler, Paul said.

For example when Mary needed money to cover her gambling debts, she would go to her mother or to her friends, she said.

"That's one thing about most gamblers; they always seem to find somebody to cover for them," Mary said. "Now when you go clean, no one really wants to trust you again because you've hurt so many people and destroyed so many relationships."

"I've made amends to the people back home for the things I did to them," Joe said, "But I can also see the good that has come out of what I did."

"I can sit there (in the group) and tell them some of the bad things I've done myself. It's like they're not alone," he said.

"I never really lived before I came into this program," Joe said. "I'm happier now than I ever was. All my relationships are more real — less superficial. It's not so much anymore 'what is it you can give to me?' or 'what is it I can get out of you?' More and more it's 'what can I give to you?'" he said.

"The program gets you out of yourself," Mary said. "You experience so much of life in just little things like helping somebody do something."

"When you're gambling, you want more and more and more. The compulsion controls you; you don't control the compulsion," she said.

"If anybody thinks 'I might have a problem, or I might not,' they can come to one of these groups," Joe said. "Nobody takes their name, and there is no commitment. They never have to come back again, and they don't have to give anybody their phone number," he said. "There is a way. Not only can you quit gambling — you want to quit gambling."



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If you have answered "yes" to any five of these questions, you may be a problem gambler. The Gamblers' 12-Step Hotline is 978-7899.

AIDS education

AIDS

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provide AIDS education, and invite civic leaders on both sides of the issue to participate," Carlson said.

John Warman, spokesperson for the UNO Gay and Lesbian Organization, said he was unaware of the subcommittee's existence.

"Our organization has only devoted one meeting to the discussion of AIDS, but the subject comes up at least once at each of our weekly meetings," Warman said.

"Overall, UNO is responding sluggishly to the challenge of informing and therefore protecting its students against the AIDS epidemic," he said.

Since UNO does not currently offer AIDS information, Warman said he refers fellow students in search of information to the Nebraska AIDS Project.



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Religion

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ways of giving birth, e.g. surrogate motherhood and artificial insemination.

The paradox of the whole thing is that the church has always held that if you want sex, get married. And when you perform sex, it is for the purpose of perpetuating the family — and don't be too fancy about it, either. So it would make sense that if a couple is infertile, they should not have sex since they would not be able to do it for the "right" reason.

Does the church's position mean that a child conceived through artificial insemination or through surrogate motherhood will be refused baptism or be excommunicated if, later on, the church found out about it? What about the parents? The doctor? The nurse who assists? Why does the Catholic church want to discourage life from beginning in the face of people seeking abortions? Shouldn't the birth of a child be the overriding issue. What are couples who believe in God to do when they want to continue His work by having a family and yet are unable to do so because of infertility?

In making their views against surrogate motherhood the church has really gotten into something it knows little about. How many female Popes have there been? How many women are there on the Vatican's Council? How many female Cardinals? Priests? Alter "boys?" The church is making judgments for all of humankind when, in fact, their decision making body only represents one-half of the species.

The church is against euthanasia and prefers that a person be kept alive by modern medicine, a life support machine in many cases, if at all possible. Yet the church now refuses to grant the miracles of modern medicine the opportunity to help bring life into the world.

Outside of the American Bishop's Letter on Nuclear Deterrence, the church has done little to assert itself on matters that threaten our very existence. While they have pre-occupied themselves with procreation, sin, and the rites of passage, they have done little to guide man through the in-between parts.

It is a frustrating situation we find ourselves in by trying to follow church rules on one hand and exploring our individual soul's on the other.



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Letters

'Athletics important'

To the editor:

I recently attended the UNO Hall of Fame Banquet, and along with a thoroughly enjoyable evening was given an opportunity to reflect on the importance of athletics to the higher education experience.

Intercollegiate sports events are not only entertaining, they are unifying. Facilitating the cohesion of a student body through organized sports is especially important for a commuter university like UNO. Equally important is that UNO's fine performance in a variety of sports has been a great source of pride to the community.

I commend UNO's athletic department for a job well done and assure the University of Nebraska at Omaha of my continued enthusiastic support of athletic programs there.

Sen. Brad Ashford,
6th District

'Reviewer way off-base'

To the editor:

The lack of cinematic knowledge expressed by your "contributing writer" Joseph Hall is mind blowing.

I hope I speak for most of the film-going populus when I say that his references in writing are extremely ordinary and uncredited in their expressions of appreciation for film as an art medium.

Obviously Mr. Hall didn't understand "Angel Heart" and was unduly influenced by the controversy surrounding it.

The bloody overtones of some sequences were well warranted, as they were incorporated into Harry Angel's nightmarish visions throughout the film and are not thrown in for mere shock value.

I have seen the film enough times to combat the review by our Mr. Hall and question whether he even actually went to see the film. First of all, the scene with the woman scrubbing the blood-drenched wall occurs only once and is not "repeated several times via flashback." Secondly, Madam Krusemark's heart does not "float in a puddle of vivid red blood," but rather sits upon her notebook with no such puddle of blood. Thirdly, this film does not violate any of the "classic dictates of the detective story genre," because it is not a detective genre motion picture.

It does have some of the elements of a hard-boiled detective film, but it is missing more than it contains. And last of all, trivial as it may be, Johnny Favorite did not disappear from a "rest home," but disappeared from a medical ward.

All in all, this garbled, shallow view of the film had nothing to show its readers concerning any cinematic ramifications. The only thing this passage labeled "review" showed me is that maybe Mr. Hall did go to the cinema to see it but didn't pay much attention.

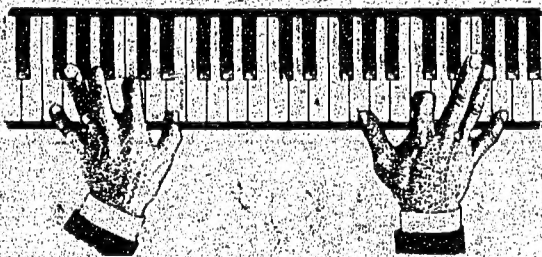
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Sports

Mavs look to team leaders to juice up offense

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Last year the UNO football team averaged just 10 points per game during a disappointing 5-6 campaign that began with talk of a national title.

The Mavericks managed to score over 20 points just once during the season, that outburst coming in a 24-7 win over St. Cloud State. Eight times UNO was held to 10 points or less. Five times they were held without a touchdown.

"We've got to improve on offense," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said, "or we'll be an average football team."

UNO has above-average talent provided key players stay healthy and eligible, Buda said. "We've got a little more depth this year but we still can't afford to lose players like we did last year," he said.

Senior tight end Brad Beckman returns, and

UNO offensive coordinator Bobby Thompson says his leadership as well as his talent will help boost the Mavs. Beckman suffered a severe shoulder separation early in the 1986 season and did not return. He was granted a hardship year of eligibility.

"Leaders are born, not made," Thompson said. "Beckman was a senior co-captain and he led by example. Terry Allen was the same way. When we had to play without those two, we had a leadership void."

"The big question about Brad being back is: Can he regain his form?" Thompson said.

The big question about Terry Allen, two years ago the top pass catcher in the North Central Conference is: Can he regain his eligibility?

Buda says Allen is a scoring threat every time he touches the ball. In 1984, Allen led the NCC with 53 catches for 819 yards, was second in kickoff returns with a 24.1 average and was third in punt returns with a 6.6 average. Allen

has scored six career touchdowns, his longest an 89-yard kickoff return that helped UNO beat Morningside 22-21 in 1985.

"He's just like any other student," Thompson said. "He had to sit out a year and now he has to complete 24 credit hours to be eligible this fall."

Thompson said Todd Sadler, who finished 1986 as the No. 1 quarterback, will start spring drills as the top signal caller with Rick Majerus "right on his shoulder."

Sadler, out of Mapleton, Iowa, completed 52 percent of his passes for one touchdown and seven interceptions. Majerus, from Cedar Falls, Iowa, hit on 36 percent of his tosses, also for one touchdown and seven interceptions. The Mavs had only four touchdowns passes against 18 interceptions.

The "Kiddie Korps," will be back hoping to improve on stellar freshman seasons. Sophomore Rick Gales, from Des Moines, Iowa, topped UNO running backs with a 4.4 average per carry and had the season's longest run of 35 yards.

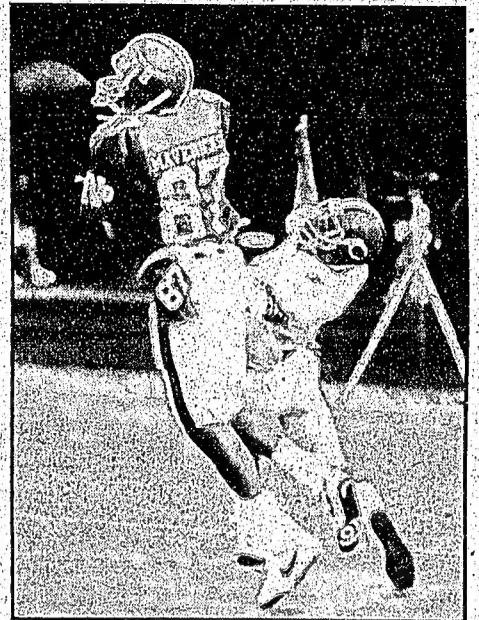
Sophomore Bob Gordon from Papillion, topped Maverick receivers last year with 25 catches for an average gain of 15.7 yards. He had the longest reception of 44 yards and scored one touchdown.

Senior fullback Steve Sliva, from Columbus, returns to the backfield hoping to improve on his junior-year numbers. Sliva dropped from a 7.4 average to a 3.6 yards per carry in 1986.

"The offensive line should be a strength," Buda said. "We've got four seniors starting and this should be their best year if they work hard and keep their weight down."

The Mavs have a huge offensive line anchored by 6-foot-5, 270-pound offensive guard Tim Messman, from Crete, Neb. "Messman leads that line," Thompson said. "He leads them by example."

Jon Englehardt, a 6-6, 274-pound senior from Hastings, Shawn Hall, 6-4 and 300 pounds from



Gateway file photo

Former all-conference wide receiver Terry Allen, No. 87, is planning on bolstering the Mavs' air attack this fall.

Fremont, and center Jim Paprocki, 6-2 and 243 pounds from Columbus round out the offensive interior.

One of the hardest tasks may be replacing record-setting place-kicker Greg Morris.

"John Bonacci, Scott Robertson and Greg Childs will try out for the kicking spot," Buda said. "They've got good legs and good accuracy, but whether or not they have the ice-cold blood in their veins to be a kicker, we won't know until they do it in a game."

"No question: if we can keep our players healthy and eligible, we can challenge for the North Central Conference title," Buda said. "But we could have last year too."

Next week: Defense



Photo by Scot Shugart

UNO Coach Sandy Buda shows his versatility in getting the Al Caniglia Field ready for his football troops with a snowplow. "I do it all," Buda said.

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Sports Look

Yanks, Mets, Reds and Rangers to rule

"Play ball!"

The familiar cry of the home plate umpire will be heard in ballparks throughout the nation Monday as major league baseball begins its 1987 season. Opening day is always special for true baseball fans, and this year it may even have a pacifying effect for those of us still brooding over North Carolina's early departure from the NCAA basketball tournament.

While there will be other years for the likes of Tar Heel Coach Dean Smith, the time is now for teams like the Cincinnati Reds, the New York Yankees, the Texas Rangers and the defending World Champions, the New York Mets. When the 26 major-league teams take the field next week, these will be the teams to beat in their respective divisions.

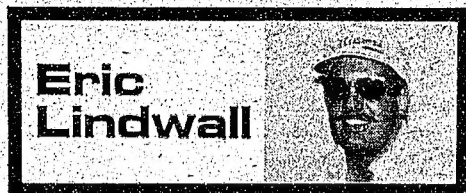
The following is a brief synopsis of the contenders in each of the divisions in both the American and National Leagues.

A.L. WEST

The Kansas City Royals are favored by many to capture the Western Division title this year, but several off-season developments cast serious doubts in this writer's mind. First and foremost is the battle Manager Dick Howser has waged with a brain tumor, that after just one day of spring training once again sidelined the

ailing K.C. skipper.

The emotional and mental affect Howser's illness has had on the team may serve, at least partially, to explain why the Royals' hitting game virtually abandoned them last year. Kan-



Eric Lindwall

sas City acquired slugger Danny Tartabull from the Seattle Mariners, but took a step backward last week by trading away catcher Jim Sundberg for some questionable talent. The Royals' pitching has shown flashes of the brilliance that carried them to victory in the '86 World Series, but by and large it has been mediocre this spring.

The Texas Rangers are the up and coming team of the major leagues. They have the unique combination of youth, talent, ambition, and the confidence that a second-place finish last year can give a team. If the pitching of

Charlie Hough, Ed Correa, Jose Guzman and Bobby Witt holds up, the Texas Rangers could prove to be a club to fear in the American League West this year.

A.L. EAST

The defending champion Boston Red Sox have failed to sign their ace starter Rodger Clemens and the club may not have enough young blood to repeat in '87. Look for the Red Sox fairy tale season of a year ago to be but a memory as the Yankees from New York, George Steinbrenner et al, seek to bring the American League pennant back to Yankee Stadium where it belongs. Not Boston, but rather the Toronto Bluejays seem to pose as the most serious threat to the Yankees' pennant hopes. However, if the hitting of New York can handle the consistent pitching of Toronto, then the Yankees could go a long way this year.

If you are one inclined to follow trends, it's interesting to note that in the past six seasons each team in the A.L. East has won the championship but for one lone goat. That team: the Cleveland Indians.

N.L. EAST

The New York Mets, winners of 108 regular-season games and the World Championship last season, appear to be solid favorites to remain

atop the National League East. If the Met's pitching staff can stay out of jail, nobody in the division will be able to touch the flamboyant New-York starting lineup. Look for the Mets to cruise into National League championship series where they will encounter a worthy foe; not in the form of the Houston Astros, but in those wearing the red for Pete Rose at Cincinnati.

N.L. WEST

The National league's Western Division is once again loaded with talent, but the Cincinnati Reds seem to be the cream of the crop. That Pete Rose took himself out of the starting lineup says a lot about the ability of this year's Cincinnati ballclub.

While Rose spends time on the pine polishing up his managerial skills, the season promises to be an enjoyable one for everyone involved with Reds baseball. Cincinnati may have the finest batting lineup in baseball today, featuring Dave Parker, Eric Davis and Buddy Bell.

In Houston the defending N.L. West champions are harboring ideas of a repeat to last year's rise to the top. 1987 however may be the year the Cincinnati Reds join New York and Los Angeles as the National League's powerhouses.

Las Vegas turns rabid for Runnin' Rebels

This story contains opinions of the author.

By ERIC OLSON
Staff Reporter

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — And I thought Cornhusker fans were bad.

Runnin' Rebel fans, at least a lot of them last week, made Husker fans look passive.

Talk about obnoxious. I was walking down Las Vegas Boulevard, better known as The Strip, and marquee messages wishing the University of Nevada-Las Vegas basketball team good luck in the NCAA Final Four dwarfed those telling of the featured entertainment inside the hotels — even at Caesar's Palace, the classiest place in town.

Granted, only four cities in the United States last week could boast of being the site of a Final Four school. And in Las Vegas, where the school had been rated No. 1 for much of the season and had suffered only one loss, (now two), there might have been more reason to celebrate.

But why so much hoopla in Las Vegas? Aren't there enough distractions aside from college basketball in this town?

I mean, in places like Bloomington, Ind., Providence, R.I., and Syracuse, N.Y., what else is there to do but back the home team? And in those towns, at least the school has a half-way respectable academic tradition. Then there's UNLV, where a student is as likely to be enrolled in Principles of

Biology 102 as in Principles of Blackjack 102.

I don't mean to belittle UNLV — I'm sure it serves a purpose. I do know it turns out some terrific basketball players. But it isn't a place where you would expect to find ivy-covered walls. And that's part of the reason why it is so hard to understand all the fuss last week over the Rebels.

Nonetheless, the Rebels were in the Final Four, and the people of Las Vegas made sure you knew it. Here's how:

One day I belied up to a blackjack table and a dealer named Leon started chatting with a gentleman to his left. Right way a light went on inside my head: Dealers in Las Vegas never make small talk with gamblers. They usually just stand there with a stern look, deal the cards and take your money.

Anyway, the man was marveling at how UNLV had overcome a 19-point deficit to beat Iowa in the quarterfinals. "That wasn't luck," Leon said, "that just shows you how good they are."

Then, even more to my surprise, Leon paused from his dealing routine and went on to espouse the greatness of the Rebels. My reaction was a yawn.

That's not all, though. While I was relaxing in my hotel room and listening to the radio, I heard Rebel fans talk about how UNLV would cream Indiana in the semifinals. Yes, radio station KLUC had set up a "Rebel Hotline." A sampling:

See Runnin' Rebs
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UNOTES

Former UNO catcher Bruce Benedict, now an all-star backstop for the Atlanta Braves, says spring training is not as easy as it looks. "The field in Sarasota, Fla., is so hard," Benedict claimed, "that we should have infield practice in the parking lot and let the cars use the infield."

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Todd Sadler, who begins spring drills as the No. 1 quarterback for UNO is making a "strong bid" to remain top dog. Sadler broke all three records in winter conditioning drills for his position. Sadler bench pressed 285 pounds, lifted 255 pounds in the power clean, and had a vertical jump of 33 inches.

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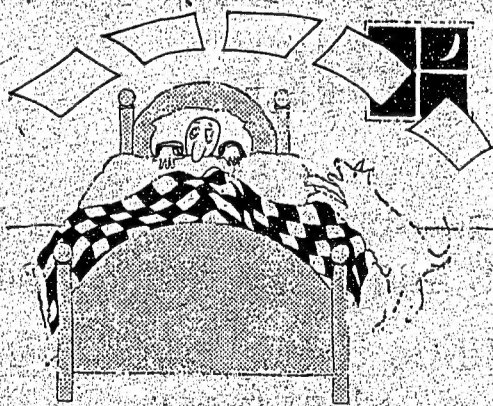
The UNO women's athletic department will put on its second annual Women's Walk, Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. The Walk raises money for scholarships for UNO's women athletes. For more information, call 554-2300 during business hours.

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Graduation claimed the biggest scoring threats from the 1986 UNO football team. Kicker Greg Morris and running backs Steve Macaitis and Gerald Kellogg scored 71 of UNO's 109 total points. Look for UNO to double its scoring output despite the loss of these fine players.



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Current Surplus property list:

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| microscopes | keypunch machine |
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| copier machines | microfilm readers |
| computer terminals and keyboards | planters, portable |
| wood tables | turn tables |
| tractor mowers and attachments | tape recorders |
| chairs, office | stools, swivel |
| portable chalkboard frames | file cabinets |
| sofas | stage drapes |
| desks, wood and metal assorted | admission counters/turnstiles |
| video recorders | aluminum screens and storm windows |
| venetian blinds | wooden doors |
| coat racks | forklifts (2) |
| calculators, assorted | library shelving |
| adding machines | decwriter/printers |
| dictaphones | balance/scale |
| ditto machines | incubators |
| file tubs | building entrance doors |
| microfiches | computer cable |
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